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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : 'கெஸ்ட் ஹௌஸ்' மஹாபலிபுரத்தில்தான் இருக்கிறது. நம் கைக்கு பணம் வந்து விட்டது. நம் சௌகரியத்திற்காகத்தான் அது நடத்தவும் படுகிறது.

Poramboke lands

* 267 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the nature of poramboke lands which the village panchayats in the panchayat union areas can acquire, as ordered by the Government?

THE HON SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Under section 86 (2) of the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958, the porambokes classified as grazing grounds, threshing floors, burning and burial grounds, cattle stands, cart stands and topes are statutorily vested in panchayats for purpose of administration for the benefit of the village. Orders have been issued to the Collectors to list out the above items of land and formally place them under the administration of the panchayats concerned.

Under section 86 (4) of the Act, panchayats are empowered to regulate the use of any porambokes other than those referred to above, if the panchayats are authorized in that behalf by Government.

Higher Secondary Schools

* 268 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to convert all high schools into Higher Secondary Schools; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) As a result of the recent reorganization, the three-year Secondary Course is to be replaced by a four-year Higher Secondary Course in Schools. This course will cover new Standards VIII to XI and revised syllabuses for all these standards have been approved. Old Forms IV and V have already been replaced by new standards VIII and IX with effect from 1959–60 and 1960–61, respectively. New Standards X and XI will be opened in 1961–62 and 1962–63, respectively. It may not however, be possible to open the XI Standard in all high schools in the State in 1962–63 and some of them may have to continue as incomplete Higher Secondary Schools coaching up to the new Standard X only.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know what the extra expenditure involved is by such conversion?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I do not have figures now. If a separate question is put, I will be able to give the figures.